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SUBJECT: AMBASSADORIAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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FOLLOWING IS DRAFT STATEMENT OF SUBJECT GOALS:

1. POLITICAL

-- ENCOURAGE PRESIDENT BONGO'S MODERATE LEADERSHIP AS
CHAIRMAN OF THE OAU AND PERSUADE HIM TO PROMOTE POLICIES
COMPATIBLE WITH U.S. INTERESTS IN AFRICA.

-- MAINTAIN GABONESE SUPPORT FOR U.S. POSITIONS IN INTER-
NATIONAL FORA AND ENCOURAGE GABON'S PRO-WESTERN, NON-
IDEOLOGICAL INCLINATIONS.

-- PRESERVE COOPERATIVE RELATIONS WITH FRENCH INTERESTS IN
GABON.

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2. ECONOMIC

-- EXPRESS U.S. SUPPORT FOR GABONESE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
GOALS, BUT IMPRESS UPON THE GOG WHAT THE U.S. CAN REALIS

TICALLY DO TO HELP ACHIEVE THOSE GOALS.

-- MAINTAIN CONTINUED U.S. ACCESS, ON FAVORABLE TERMS,
TO GABON'S NATURAL RESOURCES (PETROLEUM, MANGANESE, IRON
ORE, TIMBER).

-- SUPPORT AMERICAN FIRMS DESIRING TO PARTICIPATE IN
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; ATTEMPT TO INSURE EQUITABLE TREAT-
MENT FOR AMERICAN FIRMS IN THE BIDDING PROCESS.

-- MAINTAIN U.S. ACCESS TO GABON'S PORTS AND AIRPORTS.

-- INDICATE APPROVAL OF THE NEW GOG AUSTERITY MEASURES
WHICH, IF STRONGLY ENFORCED, WILL REASSURE ACTUAL AND PO-
TENTIAL BANKERS AND INVESTORS.

-- ASSIST AMERICAN FIRMS WISHING TO TRADE WITH OR MAKE
INVESTMENTS IN GABON.

3. EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE

-- MAINTAIN ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR AND AMERICAN
SPECIALIST PROGRAMS.

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